

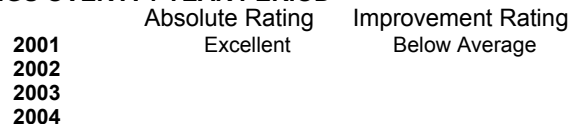
**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Excellent

**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 45.

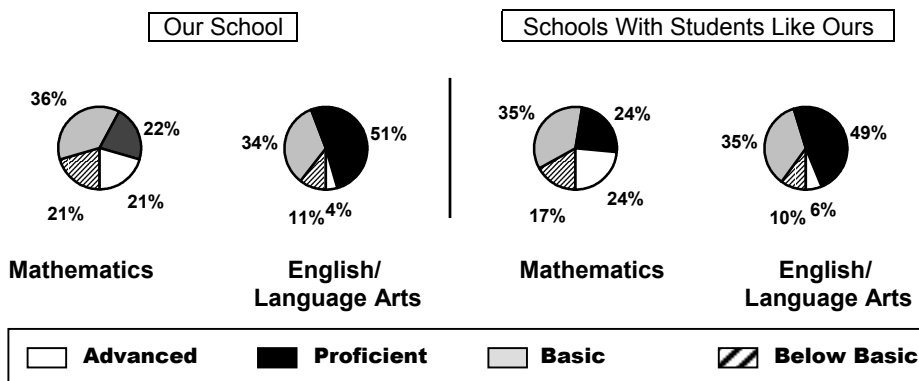
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



## DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=273)</b>	89.4	79.5	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=39)	74.4	59		
Students without disabilities (n=233)	92.3	82.9		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=138)	90.6	82.6		
Female (n=134)	88.8	76.3		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=52)	69.2	48.1		
Hispanic (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=212)	94.3	86.4		
Other (n=7)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=53)	67.9	45.3		
Pay for lunch (n=219)	95	87.7		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,793	N/A	\$4,872	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	88.9%	Down from 89.3%	90.8%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.2 to 1	N/A	20.1 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=592)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	95.9%	Down from 96.1%	96.7%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	2.9%	N/A	2.9%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	2.2%	N/A	1.9%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	93.3%	No change	93.8%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	2%	Down from 3.9%	2.1%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=41)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	10.5 Days	Up from 6.5	7.9 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	94.4%	Up from 94%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	68.3%	Up from 62.5%	55.3%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	85.4%	Down from 95.1%	88.1%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.4%	Up from 0%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	89.1%	Down from 91.5%	89.4%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,632	Up 4.8%	\$39,218	\$37,520

## SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	78.7%	N/A	65.6%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	20	N/A	5	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	51.2%	N/A	97.7%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	27.7%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.8%	Up from 0.4%	0.5%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	3	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	37.2%	Up from 30.4%	26.5%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	9.9%	Down from 11.2%	7.2%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This year has been a wonderful opportunity for students, teachers and parents at Whitesides Elementary School. One of our ongoing goals was to stress constant academic growth and social and emotional development while emphasizing each individual child. We are blessed to have had considerable support from our parents and community while we continued to welcome an even greater involvement from these stakeholders in our children's education. This year was marked by many achievements. It was the first year of our staff support fund, which was founded by our parents to help us better support staffing needs at our school. We had a tremendous number of students achieve recognition at the state, county and local levels. Children earned recognition at the state level for the Elementary Honors Choir, the Governor's Safety Calendar Contest and the Elk's Club Writing Contest. There were numerous county winners for the Charleston Children's Choir, Safe and Orderly Schools Essay Contest, Water Works Poster Contest, EMS Coloring Contest, the Charleston County School District's PowerPoint presentation, and the Charleston County Beautification Poster Contest. We were recognized as one of three schools in the Charleston area to receive the Community of Readers award every year since its inception in 1995. In addition, the state of South Carolina once again recognized us as a Hall of Fame school for exemplary writing.

Existing programs such as Accelerated Reader, STAR, Academic Bowls and field days continued to be among our students' favorite programs. While these programs get better every year, new programs such as Accelerated Math are being planned for the future.

Student achievement is one of our most important measurements of success. The success of students in the endeavors listed above, as well as many other opportunities, offers a small indication of our school's success. Everyone works hard every single day to ensure that we have an environment where not only academics, but also social and emotional growth, are paramount.

Dave Schlachter, Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	87.8	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	87.6	
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	92.2	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Mamie Whitesides Elementary  
1120 Rifle Range Road  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

**Grades** PRE-K K-5 Elementary School

**Enrollment:** 592 Students

### Principal

David Schlachter 843-849-2838

### Superintendent

Dr. Ronald A. McWhirt 843-937-6319

### Board Chair

Ms. Elizabeth H. Alston 843-723-0941

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001



School Grade:  
Excellent

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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